



## Complete Summary

### TITLE

Otitis media with effusion (OME): percentage of patients aged 2 months through 12 years with a diagnosis of OME who were not prescribed systemic antimicrobials.

### SOURCE(S)

American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Foundation, Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement®. Acute otitis externa (AOE)/otitis media with effusion (OME) physician performance measurement set. Chicago (IL): American Medical Association (AMA); 2007 Mar. 12 p. [2 references]

## Measure Domain

### PRIMARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Process

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### SECONDARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Does not apply to this measure

## Brief Abstract

### DESCRIPTION

This measure is used to assess the percentage of patients aged 2 months through 12 years with a diagnosis of otitis media with effusion (OME) who were not prescribed systemic antimicrobials.

### RATIONALE

Otitis media with effusion (OME) usually resolves spontaneously with indications for therapy only if the condition is persistent and clinically significant benefits can be achieved. Antimicrobials have no proven long-term effectiveness and have potential adverse effects.\*

\*The following clinical recommendation statements are quoted verbatim from the referenced clinical guidelines and represent the evidence base for the measure:

Antimicrobials and corticosteroids do not have long-term efficacy and are not recommended for routine management. (American Academy of Family Physicians/American Academy of Ophthalmology-Head and Neck Surgery Foundation/American Academy of Pediatrics [AAFP/AAO-HNSF/AAP])

## PRIMARY CLINICAL COMPONENT

Otitis media with effusion (OME); systemic antimicrobials

## DENOMINATOR DESCRIPTION

All patients aged 2 months through 12 years with a diagnosis of otitis media with effusion (OME) (see the related "Denominator Inclusions/Exclusions" field in the Complete Summary)

## NUMERATOR DESCRIPTION

Patients who were not prescribed systemic antimicrobials

### Evidence Supporting the Measure

## EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE CRITERION OF QUALITY

- A clinical practice guideline or other peer-reviewed synthesis of the clinical evidence

## NATIONAL GUIDELINE CLEARINGHOUSE LINK

- [Otitis media with effusion.](#)

### Evidence Supporting Need for the Measure

## NEED FOR THE MEASURE

Unspecified

### State of Use of the Measure

## STATE OF USE

Current routine use

## CURRENT USE

Internal quality improvement  
National reporting

### Application of Measure in its Current Use

## CARE SETTING

Physician Group Practices/Clinics

**PROFESSIONALS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE**

Physicians

**LOWEST LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY ADDRESSED**

Individual Clinicians

**TARGET POPULATION AGE**

Age 2 months through 12 years

**TARGET POPULATION GENDER**

Either male or female

**STRATIFICATION BY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**

Unspecified

**Characteristics of the Primary Clinical Component**

**INCIDENCE/PREVALENCE**

Unspecified

**ASSOCIATION WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**

Unspecified

**BURDEN OF ILLNESS**

Unspecified

**UTILIZATION**

Unspecified

**COSTS**

Unspecified

**Institute of Medicine National Healthcare Quality Report Categories**

**IOM CARE NEED**

Getting Better

## **IOM DOMAIN**

Effectiveness

### **Data Collection for the Measure**

#### **CASE FINDING**

Users of care only

#### **DESCRIPTION OF CASE FINDING**

All patients aged 2 months through 12 years with a diagnosis of otitis media with effusion (OME)

#### **DENOMINATOR SAMPLING FRAME**

Patients associated with provider

#### **DENOMINATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS**

##### **Inclusions**

All patients aged 2 months through 12 years with a diagnosis of otitis media with effusion (OME)

##### **Exclusions**

Documentation of medical reason(s) for prescribing systemic antimicrobials

#### **RELATIONSHIP OF DENOMINATOR TO NUMERATOR**

All cases in the denominator are equally eligible to appear in the numerator

#### **DENOMINATOR (INDEX) EVENT**

Clinical Condition  
Encounter

#### **DENOMINATOR TIME WINDOW**

Time window is a single point in time

#### **NUMERATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS**

##### **Inclusions**

Patients who were not prescribed systemic antimicrobials

**Exclusions**

None

**MEASURE RESULTS UNDER CONTROL OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR POLICYMAKERS**

The measure results are somewhat or substantially under the control of the health care professionals, organizations and/or policymakers to whom the measure applies.

**NUMERATOR TIME WINDOW**

Encounter or point in time

**DATA SOURCE**

Administrative data  
Medical record

**LEVEL OF DETERMINATION OF QUALITY**

Individual Case

**PRE-EXISTING INSTRUMENT USED**

Unspecified

**Computation of the Measure****SCORING**

Rate

**INTERPRETATION OF SCORE**

Better quality is associated with a higher score

**ALLOWANCE FOR PATIENT FACTORS**

Unspecified

**STANDARD OF COMPARISON**

Internal time comparison

**Evaluation of Measure Properties****EXTENT OF MEASURE TESTING**

Unspecified

## Identifying Information

### ORIGINAL TITLE

Measure #7 - otitis media with effusion: systemic antimicrobials - inappropriate use.

### MEASURE COLLECTION

[The Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement® Measurement Sets](#)

### MEASURE SET NAME

[Acute Otitis Externa \(AOE\)/Otitis Media with Effusion \(OME\) Physician Performance Measurement Set](#)

### SUBMITTER

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## **INCLUDED IN**

Ambulatory Care Quality Alliance  
Physician Quality Reporting Initiative

## **ADAPTATION**

Measure was not adapted from another source.

## **RELEASE DATE**

2007 Mar

## **MEASURE STATUS**

This is the current release of the measure.

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## **MEASURE AVAILABILITY**

The individual measure, "Measure #7 - Otitis Media with Effusion: Systemic Antimicrobials - Inappropriate Use," is published in "Acute Otitis Externa (AOE)/Otitis Media with Effusion (OME) Physician Performance Measurement Set." This document and technical specifications are available in Portable Document Format (PDF) from the American Medical Association (AMA)-convened Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement® Web site: [www.physicianconsortium.org](http://www.physicianconsortium.org).

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